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TODAY RADIO 4 28/01/93
06:43:00 To 06:44:00

PAPERS REVIEWED - with CHARLOTTE GREEN:
TODAY - VERONICA BLAND'S triumph will be welcomed by every non smoker. INDEPENDENT - predicts widespread smoking bans in public places. STAR - has a more jaundiced perspective. GUARDIAN - ASH is considering further legal action against 20 employers who fail to separate smokers from non smokers.

NEWSNIGHT BBC 2 27/01/93
23:05:00 To 23:05:00

WOMAN GETS COMPENSATION - for disease brought on by passive smoking.

NEWS AT TEN ITV 27/01/93
22:10:00 To 22:13:00

FIRST BRITISH COMPENSATION FOR PASSIVE SMOKING - STOCKPORT COUNCIL GAVE 15,000 TO WORKER VERONICA BLAND - REP. LAWRENCE MCGINTY - lighting cigarette at work could be outlawed. 4 out of 5 already impose restrictions. INT - I used to smoke but know I wouldn't sit by one. INT, MICHAEL KEER-KENNEEN - Not a big issue. VERONICA BLAND, VV - The cough is with me all the time - it never goes away. I will have it for rest of life. STOCKPORT COUNCIL banned smoking 3 years ago. INT, MARK FLANNAGAN, ASH - We expect more claims like this. Science museum has exhibition on passive smoking - Govt experts say it does exist - 300 a year die from lung cancer caused by passive smoking. INT, FOREST SPOKESWOMAN - No need to be so nervous.

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THE WORLD TONIGHT RADIO 4 27/01/93
22:09:00 To 22:15:00

PASSIVE SMOKING - ANN GREAVES, NALGO, INT - Veronica Blands is the first case we have pursued to its conclusion, but we have had many complaints since 1980's. Employers have to be careful about how they change smoking policy in an office, because can change a contract of employment. I am dealing with the introduction of six new sets of regulations into the UK, and being told by Employers, that they can't afford these. REP - Hugh Bailey Labour MP, introducing Bill to ban tobacco advertising everywhere but tobacco outlets. GEORGE FOUKES, LAB MP, INT (introducing bill to restrict smoking in workplaces) - Want people guaranteed a smoke free environment at work.

NEWSHOUR BBC WORLD SERVICE 27/01/93
21:43:00 To 21:45:00

COUNCIL WORKER GETS COMPENSATION FOR PASSIVE SMOKING -
VERONICA BLAND won money from her employers Stockport Council. VB, INT - I hope it will push other employers to provide a safe environment

9 O'CLOCK NEWS BBC 1 27/01/93
21:01:00 To 21:04:00

PASSIVE SMOKING - Government says there may be a law to enforce against passive smoking. VERONICA BLAND, VV. MARK FLANNAGAN, ASH, VV - we expect we will have a flood of claims. CHRIS THAME, PRO-SMOKING LOBBY, INT - we think the case would have been dismissed if put to a court. REP - scientists have developed a smoke meter to measure the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. DR NICHOLAS WALD, ST BARTHOLOMEWS HOSPITAL, INT - the consequences of exposure arise many years later. So we see effects of passive smoking 20 or 30 years ago. DR BRIAN MAWHINNEY MP, HEALTH MINISTER, INT - we hope to achieve 80% work places smoke free eventually.

FIRST EDITION LBC NEWSTALK 27/01/93
20:25:00 To 20:29:00

SMOKING - Moves to restrict smoking are possible. IAN GRAY,

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ASSN OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES, INT - HACKNEY has produced a model award for going smoke-free, and received the ASH Award. Public authorities should be setting an example. There are some costs but there should be savings eg insurance costs, cleaning costs. It is certainly the case that passive smoking causes health damage including cancer - there is no doubt about this. Only 15% of the smoke of a smoker goes into the person's mouth - the rest of it circulates.

MIKE DICKEN LBC TALKBACK 27/01/93
20:06:00 To 20:14:00

SMOKING - INT, DAVID POLLOCK, ASH - Would like to see govt make employers provide smoke free areas for workers. Most smokers agree with smoking ban in the tube. Many smokers believe non-smokers should have smoke free-air. Smoking rooms in work places will need to be pleasant, not punitive, but it is necessary. 6 out of 10 believed that pubs should provide smoke free areas. Some smoke free pubs are working well. USA Environmental Protection Agency has named smoking as a top carcinogen. If the action is too slow here, govt will bring forth necessary laws. Govt's independent science committee says passive smoking increases cancer by up to 30%. 1 person every day dying from passive smoking. Majority of smokers want to quit.

NB: The smoking issue was the major topic of the programmes phone in section.

CHANNEL 4 NEWS CHANNEL 4 27/01/93
19:12:00 To 19:18:00

COUNCIL WORKER WINS 15,000 FROM EMPLOYERS FOR PASSIVE SMOKING - out of court settlement with Victoria Bland from Stockport Council will lead to more claims against employers who fail to provide smoke free premises. One person a day dies from passive smoking according to DEPT OF HEALTH - It increases risk of lung cancer by 30%. INT, VERONICA BLAND [at press conference]. INT, MARK FLANNAGAN, ACTION ON SMOKING AND HEALTH - We hope employers will take action today. INT, MARTIN DAY LAWYER - Thousands more will claim on passive smoking. Courts will take sympathetic attitude. INT, DR BRIAN MAWHINNEY, HEALTH MINISTER - We would introduce legislation if voluntary bans aren't forthcoming. INT, DAVID BLUNKETT MP - They must also ban advertising. Labour Bill to ban smoking at work to be introduced next week. VV, HUGH BAYLEY MP LAB - Advertising directed at teenagers and kids. REP - SCIENCE MUSEUM has exhibition about passive smoking. INT, PROF JOHN DURANT, SCIENCE MUSEUM - Passive smoking is a real danger.

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THE WAY IT IS CAPITAL RADIO 27/01/93
19:01:00 To 19:05:00

PASSIVE SMOKING - Veronica Bland recieved 15000 from Stockport Council for injury to her health. VERONICA BLAND VV - three ladies smoked between 15 and 20 cigarettes a day each only 3 feet away from me and there were other smokers around. I became ill with laryngitis and permanently runny nose and eventually chronic bronchitis. BRIAN MAWHINNEY HEALTH MINISTER, INT - case significant. Increasing evidence that passive smoking has an effect on health. REP - probably about one person a day is dying as a result of passive smoking and several children in hospital per day as a result. MARTIN DAY, LAWYER, INT - as a result of the Veronica Bland case I would think more people would look at illnesses they have and question if passive smoking has caused it. SPOKESWOMAN, FOREST, INT - people dislike the smell of smoke but evidence cannot be supported. REP - SPOKESWOMAN NOT NAMED, CBI, INT - (taking steps to protect employees) - normally a policy to have segregated areas.

NEWS 93 RADIO 1 27/01/93
18:30:00 To 18:36:00

PASSIVE SMOKING - Woman wins compensation over passive smoking at work. VERONICA BLAND INT - Details of illnesses. STOCKPORT COUNCIL agreed to pay her 15,000. VB INT - I am pleased with the outcome. ANN GREAVES, NALGO, INT - This emphasises that passive smoking brings ill-health. JOHN CRIDLAND, CBI, INT - Many employers already have voluntary policies. Dr BRIAN MAWHINNEY, HEALTH MINISTER, INT - We hope to have 80% smoke-free workplaces, by agreement. MARK FLANAGAN, ASH, INT - All public places are workplaces. JOHN SILVERMAN REP - It is a significant case, it is part of a pattern of work-related illnesses. People must still prove illnesses were caused by smoking at work - this may not be easy. This will put pressure on firms to provide non-smoking workplaces eg from insurers.

LOOK NORTH BBC TV NORTH EAST 27/01/93
18:30:00 To 19:00:00

BAN ON TOBACCO ADVERTISING - Details were given of the attempts by MP Hugh Bailey to have such advertising banned. It was reported that many local women smoke even when they are pregnant. Discussing the issue were;- a range of local female smokers, Dr ALISON WATSON consultant in public health, PHILIP LOADS of FOREST (who disputed the link between smoking and advertising), and a clip from an

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address made by MP HUGH BAILEY. [c. 3 mins]

Also covered on:-

TYNE TEES TODAY ITV TYNE TEES 27/01/93
17:55:00 to 18:30:00

MP HUGH BAILEY, INT - discussed his demands for tobacco advertising to be banned. He admitted that it may not get on the statute books, but hopes it forces the Government into some form of action on the matter. [c. 2 mins]

LONDON TONIGHT ITV CARLTON 27/01/93
18:18:00 To 18:23:00

DEEP SLEEP THERAPY - Therapy for the mentally ill killed many patients. BOB STOKES, VICTIM, INT - I can remember the therapy now. JENNY STOKES, WIFE, INT - He becomes withdrawn and has fits. BS, INT - I was writing when I suddenly remembered my ordeal. Dr BAILEY, a notorious doctor, told me he would get rid of junk from my mind. REP - 24 patients died of this treatment of extended sleep and ECT. REP - BAILEY used patients for experiments and was later found to be mad. JS, INT - He was given a sex hormone. His treatment was a horror. BS, INT - The doctor had a wonderful personality. REP - He carried out psycho-surgery.

SIX O'CLOCK NEWS RADIO FOUR 27/01/93
18:01:00 To 18:06:00

PASSIVE SMOKING CASE - Council Worker Veronica Bland has won compensation from Stockport Council for passive smoking - STEVE EVENS reported - VB had been surrounded by smokers for 11 years, her Union NALGO brought in lawyers. VB, INT - I hope it will help others. ANNE GREAVES NALGO, INT - working shouldn't damage your health. JOHN CRIDLAND, CBI, INT - it will strengthen the trend towards smoke free zones. SIMON DANIER, VB'S SOLICITOR, INT - it should spur employers to speed up no smoking zones. JOHN SILVERMAN reported - a decade ago, NUPE negotiated a passive smoking claim. The focus on workplace illness indicates a shift in thinking. DR BRIAN MAWHINNEY MP says that the government will get tougher on smoking. ASH estimates 20% firms have no smoking zones.

SIX O'CLOCK NEWS BBC 1 27/01/93
18:00:00 To 18:07:00

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SIX O'CLOCK NEWS RADIO FOUR 27/01/93
18:01:00 To 18:06:00

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SIX O'CLOCK NEWS BBC 1 27/01/93
18:00:00 To 18:07:00

ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGNERS SAY THEY HAVE WON VICTORY - Woman wins compensation for passive smoking, has out of court settlement with STOCKPORT COUNCIL of 15,000 after she developed bronchitis as result of inhaling smoke of colleagues. VERONICA BLAND, VV. INT, MARK FLANNAGAN, ASH - Many employers will go smoke free immediately. INT, ROBIN LEWIS, SOLICITOR - Employers and insurers should tell corporations and local authorities they will get discount if they have smoking ban at work. INT, CHRIS THAME PRO-SMOKING LOBBY - this was out of court settlement. In court it would have been dismissed. INT, DR BRIAN MAWHINNEY Health Min - we want ban of smoking in 80% of public places. Employers are getting more worried about these cases. REP - Survey by doctors and scientists confirm view that passive smoking increases risk of variety of illnesses. 5 yrs ago report from committee of experts found there is increased risk. 300 cases of lung cancer a year are caused by passive smoking. Heart disease increased by a quarter - children particularly at risk - some cases of deafness in children. Tobacco companies are very sensitive to this - they object to exhibition at Science Museum this month. VOX POPS - I hate smoke. INT, DR NICHOLAS WALD ST BARTS - Consequence of exposure occurs many years later.

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ANGELA RIPPON DRIVETIME LBC NEWSTALK 27/01/93
17:52:00 To 17:58:00

PASSIVE SMOKING - a Bill to compel employers to provide a smoke free workplace is being presented to Parliament next week. (Another Bill to ban tobacco advertising has got a second reading but that Bill has little chance to become law) GEORGE FOUKKES, LAB MP, INT - (sponsoring the workplace Bill) - I am proposing new Health and Safety at Work provisions which compel employers to provide smoke free environments, and also that they should have smoking areas designated for breaks, as I realise not everyone can give up smoking. People have been conned by the Tobacco Industry before, when they said smoking itself was not dangerous, and there is evidence that passive smoking is dangerous. That is why I have got two doctors sponsoring my Bill, as well as Tory MPs. Huge number of smoking related illnesses. Veronica Bland has worked hard, over five years, to get this award, with the support of NALGO and Action on Smoking on Health.

EARLY EVENING NEWS ITV 27/01/93
17:40:00 To 17:44:00

WOMAN WHO HAS BRONCHITIS WINS CASE AGAINST EMPLOYER FOR PASIVE SMOKING - 300 people a year die from lung cancer caused by passive smoking. VERONICA BLAND is first worker to win compensation. INT, VERONICA BLAND - My voice has been ruined. INT, MARK FLANNAGAN, ACTION ON SMOKING AND HEALTH - We expect employers to ban smoking in work place and a flood of similar claims. INT, DR BRIAN MAWHINNEY MP, HEALTH MINISTER - we may introduce legislation. NEW EXHIBITION AT SCIENCE MUSEUM LONDON - REP. LAWRENCE MCGINTY - Lobby group for smokers' rights say case isn't proven but doctors do think it is. There was a case like this in Australia and it led to restrictions on smoking in public places.

ANGELA RIPPON DRIVETIME LBC NEWSTALK 27/01/93
17:22:00 To 17:29:00

PASSIVE SMOKING - this afternoon a back bench bill on Tobacco Advertising was allowed a second reading. CHRIS

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THAME, FOREST, INT - Veronica Blands compensation award: If this settlement had gone to court we think it would have been thrown out. Michael Old, a spokesman for the Guardian Royal Exchange, said there was no proven link between passive smoking and medical problems. 30 reports into link between lung cancer and passive smoking, and only 26 of those find a link. We aren't opposed to reasonable smoking policies but we are opposed to draconian rules introduced by the Government. REP - Roy Castle believes he has contracted lung cancer from spending his life in smoking music halls. CHRIS THAME, INT - The anti smoking campaign is using junk science.

PM RADIO FOUR 27/01/93
17:19:00 To 17:24:00

COUNCIL WORKER - VERONICA BLAND wins compensation - STEVE EVENS reported - when she worked with seven heavy smokers. VB, INT - I was very ill. REP - NALGO thinks it sends a clear signal. ANNE GREAVES, NALGO INT - it shows that employers can be hit in their pockets. JOHN CRIDLAND, CBI, INT - many employers are already implementing voluntary policies. DENIS KINGSMILL, CLYDE AND COMPANY, INT - I've done cases in the past where the cases have been quietly settled. It wasn't a court decision so there is no formal precedent. Employers have a responsibility to have a healthy working environment. The statute covers all work places including bars and restaurants. You can't contract out of these obligations.

SKY NEWS: LIVE AT FIVE SKY 27/01/93
17:00:00 To 17:03:00

PASSIVE SMOKING - VERONICA BLAND case - ANNE GREAVES, NALGO OFFICER VV. BRUCE PIPER NALGO LEGAL OFFICER (at press conference) VV. REP - LABOUR MP bringing in bill to have no smoking areas, and Labour sponsored bill to ban advertising. DAVID BLUNKETT LABOUR SPOKESMAN ON HEALTH, INT. BRIAN MAWHINNEY, MINISTER OF HEALTH, INT - target of 80% of public places to be smoke free by 1994. VOX POPS at LONDON SCIENCE MUSEUM.

MARY SMALL BBC RADIO OXFORD 27/01/93

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17:00:00 To 18:00:00

BLAND PASSIVE SMOKING AWARD - WENDY FIDDLER, of the Keith Durrant Programme For Cancer Prevention, INT - welcomed the decision and commented on the action among employers likely to take place as a result. EDDIE DULLER, editor of The Oxford Mail, INT - discussed how they had implemented a non smoking policy. [c. 4 mins]

Also covered regionally on:-

LEICESTER PM BBC RADIO LEICESTER 27/01/93
17:00:00 to 18:00:00

Details were given of the Victoria Bland case. Included was an extract from a statement by Minister Brian Mawhinney. ANGELA JAMES, health promotion officer in the county, INT - discussed the implications of the decision. [c. 4 mins]

NEWSDAY BBC RADIO BEDFORDSHIRE 27/01/93
17:30:00 to 18:00:00

MARK FLANNAGAN, of ASH, INT - noted that employers may have to move on the smoking issue now. Local smokers, INT - gave their reaction to the legal decision. [c. 4 mins]

GARY STEIN SHOW IR NORTHSOUND 27/01/93
17:00:00 to 18:00:00

DEREK MARNOCH, of Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, INT - noted that employers will have to take the award very seriously. [c. 1 min]

NEWS IR SOUTH COAST 27/01/93
17:00:00 to 17:15:00

It was reported that among local businesses Vosper Thornycroft, Digital, Ordinance Survey, BT, Westland Aerospace, Shippmans, and Pearl Assurance have no smoking policies. A Shippmans spokesman, INT - discussed why. A spokesman for John Brown Engineering, INT - discussed why they have no such policy. [c. 1 min]

GOOD EVENING DEVON BBC RADIO DEVON 27/01/93
17:10:00 to 18:00:00

Dr NOEL OLSEN, Plymouth director of public health, and honorary sec. of ASH, INT - discussed the implications for employers of this landmark decision. [c. 4 mins]

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE TODAY BBC RADIO NORTHAMPTON 27/01/93
17:00:00 to 18:00:00

MIKE ARNOLD, of Daventry District Council, INT - discussed

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the ruling and the general problems posed by passive smoking in the office. He added comment on the extent to which current legislation might be used to force employers to ban smoking in the workplace. [c. 4 mins]

EAST CENTRAL NEWS CENTRAL TV (EAST) 27/01/93
18:25:00 to 19:00:00

Reference was made to the Bland case and the bill being sponsored by MP Hugh Bailey to have tobacco advertising banned. Dr JENNY MIDELL, of ASH, INT - supported such a move. The report noted the large number of people employed at a local Imperial Tobacco plant. CHRISTOPHER BULLOCK, of the TAC, INT - also discussed the advertising issue. Included in the report was vox pop among local people. [c. 4 mins]

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NEWS BBC RADIO WM 27/01/93
17:00:00 to 17:12:00

MARTIN HOPKINS, of solicitors Wells & Hind, INT - noted that employers may now feel they have to impose smoking bans to avoid such compensation cases. [c. 40 secs]

FOX REPORTS IR FOX 27/01/93
18:00:00 to 19:00:00

DONALD HARRIS, of the Centre for Social Studies Legal Studies at Oxford University, INT - noted that the bland settlement is not a legal precedent as such. However, it will force more employers to seriously consider the passive smoking issue. [c. 2 mins]

NEWSHOUR BBC RADIO LINCOLNSHIRE 27/01/93
17:00:00 to 18:00:00

ANN GREAVES of NALGO, INT - discussed the implications of the case for employers. JOHN SHIDLAND, of the CBI, INT - commented on the business and insurance implications. MARK FLANNAGAN of ASH, INT - also discussed this important case. BRIAN MAWHINNEY, Minister, and VERONICA BLAND, INT - added further comment in this networked news report. [c. 4 mins] Following this item the issue was examined from a local perspective. PETER ROFFE of Hildreds shopping complex, Skegness, INT - noted that if it was law a public smoking ban would be enforced. LESLEY SHEPHERD, East Lindsey Tourism Director, INT - discussed local bans. JOHN THOMAS of Lincoln City Hall, INT - also discussed their own policy., as did BARRY STEAD of the Ritz Theatre. [c. 4 mins]

COMING HOME BBC RADIO WM 27/01/93
17:13:00 to 18:00:00

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MARTIN HOPKINS of solicitors Evershed, Wells & Hind of Birmingham, INT - discussed the legal ramifications of the case for employers - many will now seek to restrict smoking at work. [c. 9 mins]

CUMBRIA TODAY BBC RADIO CUMBRIA 27/01/93
16:30:00 to 17:30:00

ANN GREAVES, health and safety officer with NALGO, INT - discussed in detail the Bland case and her claim for compensation from Stockport Council. She noted that the union had helped her with her case. She added that in many instances the union has been able to reach agreement with employers to introduce smoking restrictions. [c. 6 mins]

RED ROSE REPORT IR RED ROSE 27/01/93
17:45:00 to 18:05:00

The networked report gave details of the case, with contributions from VERONICA BLAND, and Health Minister BRIAN MAWHINNEY. [c. 1 min]

NORTHWEST TONIGHT BBC TV NORTH WEST 27/01/93
18:30:00 to 19:00:00

VERONICA BLAND, at a press conference, VV - discussed the problems brought on by passive smoking. CHARLES CARRUTH, NALGO branch secretary, INT - noted that this will encourage others to take action. A number of Blackburn Council workers, INT - gave their views. TOM SACKVILLE MP, and junior Health Minister, INT - discussed the Government's stance on the issues of smoking restrictions in the workplace and the advertising of tobacco. He also noted that raising prices reduces the number smoking. [c. 6 mins]

TEATIME NEWS BBC RADIO SHEFFIELD 27/01/93
17:00:00 to 18:00:00

Discussing the case were;- ANN GREAVES of NALGO, JOHN CHIDLAND of the CBI, MARK FLANNAGAN of ASH, Dr BRIAN MAWHINNEY Minister, and VERONICA BLAND herself. [c. 3 mins]

CITYGOLD REPORT IR CITYGOLD 27/01/93
17:00:00 to 17:15:00

It was reported that after the Bland case smoking could be banned in Liverpool City Council buildings. PATRICK SNALL reported. ALAN DEAN, deputy leader of the council, INT - noted the effects of passive smoking and the intention of the council to take action. BRIAN MAWHINNEY Minister, INT - noted that one person a day dies from passive smoking. Dr PETER BUNDRED (phonetic), Wirral health consultant, INT -

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noted the dangers posed by smoking and the passive form.
[c. 3 mins]

DRIVETIME NEWS BBC RADIO CLEVELAND 27/01/93
17:00:00 to 18:00:00

IAN GUY, local director of public health, INT - welcomed the settlement - he also cautioned against a form of New Puritanism and discussed the need to reduce the toll taken by smoking on health. [c. 5 mins]

NEWSROUND BBC 1 27/01/93
16:59:00 To 17:00:00

WOMAN'S WHOSE HEALTH WAS DAMAGED FROM PASSIVE SMOKING IS GIVEN 15,000 - VERONICA BLAND'S employers are giving her money. Govt warns it might bring in a law to stop people smoking in public places unless people stop voluntarily.

ANGELA RIPPON DRIVETIME LBC NEWSTALK 27/01/93
16:36:00 To 16:47:00

PASSIVE SMOKING - Stockport Council worker, Veronica Bland took up a claim after developing chronic bronchitis, and has won 15,000. DAVID POLLOCK, CHAIR ASH, INT - I think this will be a landmark in the development of employees smoking policies. The fact that settled out of court doesn't make much difference. The Council's insurers looked at the facts and at the law and said the case not worth fighting. There are several people who are beginning legal cases and one has been given legal aid. In the case of Veronica Bland she was working for some years in a room where she was breathing in the equivalent of 150 cigarettes a day.

Now the Government has said 80% of all public places should be smoke free by next year? The Portman Group who own a lot of pubs did a survey of 18-25 year olds and nearly 56% of them said discouraged from going to pubs by smoke. We do think should be some provision for smokers where practical.

The Government now also have evidence now on Tobacco Advertising bans from a number of countries, that it reduces smoking. The Select Committee on Health want advertising banned, and we hope, that before the Council of Ministers meeting in May the government will have changed its mind on Tobacco Advertising.

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NEWS BBC 2 27/01/93
15:52:00 To 15:53:00

PASSIVE SMOKING CASE - money won from Stockport Council.
JOSHUA ROZENBURG reported - VERONICA BLAND, VV - became very ill.
REP - today's decision not a binding legal precedent but
should make employers and insurance companies worried, that
cases like this are going against them in court.

ITN NEWS ITV 27/01/93
15:10:00 To 15:11:00

PASSIVE SMOKING - Stockport Council worker, Veronica Bland
has won 15,000 from her employers for compensation to her
health for passive smoking. LAWRENCE MCGINTY reported -
Government Report four years ago said passive smoking
increased danger of lung cancer, which has encouraged some
people to bring their employees to court. VERONICA BLAND,
INT - working with three people who smoking between 15 and
20 cigarettes a day each (has chronic bronchitis). GILLIAN
HOWARD, LAWYER, INT - think this is going to mark the
occasion where employers are going to take seriously the
issue of passive smoking.

AFTERNOON SHOW RADIO WM 27/01/93
15:00:00 To 16:30:00

SMOKING CASE - Studio interviews with the following: ANNE
GREAVES, Health and Safety Officer, NALGO; DR BARRY SMITH,
Chair of ASH, West Midlands; MARJORIE NICHOLSON, FOREST;
PAUL HOOPER, Birmingham Council Environmental Health
Officer. [c.25 mins]

LONDON LIVE GLR 27/01/93
13:21:00 To 13:24:00

PASSIVE SMOKING - woman wins out of court settlement from
STOCKPORT COUNCIL for illness ensued by passive smoking.

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Contracted chronic bronchitis - has been given 15,000.
RICHARD LAWRENCE reported woman is VERONICA BLAND. INT, VB
it has made me terribly ill - I have had many illnesses.
Pleased by outcome and relieved that it is over - hopes
that this will lead to non-smoking policies being adopted
by employers. INT, SIMON WILLIAMS, lawyer - this will be a
test case - there may have been no law but British
insurance industry has taken notice. Employers should take
note of this.

JIMMY YOUNG RADIO 4 27/01/93
13:11:00 To 13:18:00

PASSIVE SMOKING - Out of court settlement could open
floodgates to a lot of similar cases. MARK FLANAGAN,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ASH INT - Every independent body has
come out and said that passive smoking increases the risk
of lung cancer in non-smokers by about 30%. Host of other
illnesses, like bronchitis and asthma aggravated by passive
smoking. FOREST disputes this but they are funded by
tobacco companies. If there was no case to be answered on
passive smoking we would not have BRIAN MAWHINNY admitting
that the Government needs to do something to counter
smoking in public places. Council involved was advised by
insurance body that there was a good case here and if they
did go to court they would lose. This is why they settled
out of court. Studies on the impact of passive smoking go
back for a decade or more. There is a measurable effect. If
we sit in a bus, train, pub, smoke affects our breathing
even if we are not asthmatic. Australian tobacco companies
put out an advertisement saying there was no evidence that
passive smoking could do harm. SIR RICHARD DOLL and PROFESS
NICHOLAS WOLD from ST BARTHOLOMEW's HOSPITAL were called
out to give evidence to the contrary. We recommend that
non-smoking should be the norm with designated smoking
areas provided. This settlement, although not a judicial
one, is highly significant today. In Australia, a bus
driver won a similar action and the Australian government
passed legislation to grant non-smokers to breathe smoke-
free air. A court case will happen and that will change the
whole area we are looking at. Would be nice if the
Government acted in advance of this.

THE WORLD AT ONE RADIO 4 27/01/93
13:06:00 To 13:13:00

PASSIVE SMOKING - VERONICA BLAND, STOCKPORT COUNCIL, INT -

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pleased with the outcome, hope more people will take similar action to get smoking banned at work. ANNE GREAVES, NALGO, INT - want to see smoking banned from work places, calls on employers to play their part. Appeals to the HSE to do what they can. JOHN SILVERMAN, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT, reported - doubts many people will take legal action because Legal Aid rarely granted for this type of court action. Also very difficult for people to prove this sort of thing in court. Will encourage many people to go to court to try and get insurance companies to act. JOHN CRIDLAND, CBI, HEALTH AND SAFETY, INT - employers likely to do more to control smoking at work. Insurers could increase trend towards voluntary smoking policies at work. Pressure from the workforce is the critical ingredient.

NEWS AT ONE BBC GMR 27/01/93
13:00:00 To 13:20:00

BLAND CASE - Local report on the Veronica Bland case. INT, VERONICA BLAND. INT, ANNE GREAVES, NALGO Health and Safety Officer. INT, TRISH JONES, NW Smoking Prevention Programme. [c.1 min]

Also reported on:
NEWS RADIO LANCS 27/01/93
13:00:00 To 13:15:00 [c.1 min]

Comment on this story on:

BERKSHIRE NETWORK RADIO BERKS 27/01/93
09:30:00 To 13:00:00
INT, MICHAEL BOOD, from solicitors Kidd Rappidy of Maidenhead. [c.10 mins]

LUNCHTIME SHOW RADIO SHEFFIELD 27/01/93
13:00:00 To 13:10:00
Features INT, SIMON DENIER, Solicitor in the case. [c.5 mins]

SKY NEWS SKY 27/01/93
13:00:00 To 13:04:00

PASSIVE SMOKING - A local authority worker has won a 15,000 pounds out of court settlement. Rest of report is a direct repeat of Sunrise. INT, VERONICA BLAND, PASSIVE SMOKING VICTIM - Having taken the action, I hope it will provide

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the impetus for other employees to pursue no smoking policies with their employers.

ONE O'CLOCK NEWS BBC 1 27/01/93
13:00:00 To 13:03:00

PASSIVE SMOKING VICTIM WINS 15,000 COMPENSATION - first known case. Stockport Council made out of court settlement. Woman suffered chronic bronchitis reported JOSHUA ROZENBERG. VV, VERONICA BLAND - I became v ill after working near heavy smokers. INT, MARK FLANAGAN, ASH - every public place is a workplace. INT, BRIAN MAWHINNEY MP - we have set target on getting smoking out of workplaces.

NEWSBEAT RADIO 1 27/01/93
12:32:00 To 12:34:00

PASSIVE SMOKING SUFFERER WINS PAYOUT FROM HER BOSSES - At STOCKPORT COUNCIL. JULIA HOWARD, BARRISTER, INT - Many will die from passive smoking. ASSOC OF METROPOLITAN AUTHORITIES PERSONNEL OFFICER STEVEN BUBB, INT - We must now issue advice. FOREST director CHRIS THAME, INT - No legal precedent set. BRIAN MAWHINNEY, HEALTH MINISTER, INT - one person a day dies as result from passive smoking in GB.

LUNCHTIME NEWS ITV 27/01/93
12:31:00 To 12:36:00

COUNCIL WORKER WINS DAMAGES - Veronica Bland won her passive smoking case against STOCKPORT COUNCIL. LAWRENCE MCGINTY reported - Passive smoking is a major problem at work. Passive smoking kills about 1200 people a year. VERONICA BLAND won her compensation ag STOCKPORT COUNCIL. VERONICA BLAND, INT - During the interview it appeared that the env was free of smoke. That was not the case. GILLIAN HOWARD, LAWYER, INT - This will mark ocassion when employers will take seriously the issue of passive smoking. MARTIN DAY, SOLICITOR, INT - Courts will take sympathetic view of cases coming to court. MARJORIE NICHOLSON, FOREST, INT - case did not come to court therefore council could not test the person. DR BRIAN MAWHINNEY, HEALTH MIN, INT - One person a day is dying in this country due to passive smoking. It is a serious issue. I am not thinking about

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legal bans at the moment. If people understand the dangers people who have ownership of that space should take on board wishes of those people. If voluntary code does not work we would have to consider legislation.

YOU & YOURS RADIO 4 27/01/93
12:03:00 To 12:11:00

ILL HEALTH CAUSED BY PASSIVE SMOKING AT WORK - Council worker wins substantial damages. VERONICA BLAND sued her employers STOCKPORT COUNCIL who decided to settle the case before it came to court. DAVID POLLOCK, ASH, INT - VB was suffering from bronchitis. This was made worse by STOCKPORT COUNCIL as they refused to do anything about it after she complained. She contacted us 5 years ago. NALGO took up the case. She sued them for negligence to look after her health. Case in Australia were more serious. The law is clear: employers must look after the health of employees. Smoke free air must be guaranteed. ALFRED MCTIER, LUNG CANCER PATIENT trying to sue tobacco company. AM, INT - I have to wait until the time comes. Some should stop tobacco manufacturers. They are selling a posinous product. It was reported that ALFRED is suing the manufacturers and is receiving legal aid. CAMERON FYFE, SOLICITOR, INT - He started smoking in the 60s before warnings were introduced. Our case is against IMPERIAL TOBACCOS. There would be a problem if he smoked several brands. We are hopeful. Scottish Courts are very pro-consumers. This man smoked only one brand, Medical evidence is very clear.

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JIMMY YOUNG RADIO 2 27/01/93
12:00:00 To 12:01:00

NEWS

PASSIVE SMOKING VICTORY - Stockport Council worker wins thousands against employer due to passive smoking problem. NALGO took up case and settled out of court.

DAYLINE SKY 27/01/93
11:13:00 To 11:19:00

NEW SMOKING LAWS - repeat of report on Sky Sunrise - plus - INT, DAVID BLUNKETT, LAB - It is important that the govt

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take action. INT, CHRIS THAME, FOREST - The idea that passive smoking is a threat to other people's health is a myth. There has been an out of court settlement over a passive smoking case. We are seeing an example of fascism. The majority of people do not think that passive smoking kills. The ROYAL GUARDIAN EXCHANGE and OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH REVIEW do not hold the view that smoking is the cause of ill health.

GOOD MORNING BBC 1 27/01/93
11:02:00 To 11:02:00

NEWS

SMOKING - Government considering banning smoking in public places and work if voluntary measures are not taken up.

TODAY RADIO 4 27/01/93
08:10:00 To 08:18:00

PASSIVE SMOKING AT WORK - A female employee of a northern local authority has taken her employers to work and won a huge out of court settlement. INT, named BARRISTER, CURRIE - If NALGO has managed to get a settlement, this is a very important development. PROF NICHOLAS WOLD has estimated that at least 1 and possibly 2 jumbo jet loads of passengers, are going to die each year, because of breathing in other people's smoke, INT, STEVEN BARD, NALGO, HEAD OF PERSONNEL - The first case of a kind. We must issue advice now to all our local authorities before the cases come flooding in. INT, CHRIS THAME, FOREST - This is simply an out of court settlement and it is contrary to scientific evidence. INT, HEATHER MAYFIELD, SCIENCE MUSEUM - Our passive smoking exhibition opened 2.5 weeks ago. It is a graphic display of how other people's smoke affects the lungs. INT, MUSEUM VISITORS - Inhaling other's smoke is a bad thing..I feel like I've been smoking myself. CLARENCE MITCHEL reported. INT, BRIAN MAWHINNEY, HEALTH MINISTER - In this country, about 1 person a day dies as a consequence of passive smoking. About 50 children end up in hospital every day as a result. What we have done is set a target for 1994. This will cause people to think about whether or not they should be taking action. I hope employers and other public bodies think very carefully about this. We ought to make progress voluntarily as far as possible but if this does not work the govt will be prepared to legislate. I also hope that the next time I come here the BBC's waiting room will be smoke free.

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DOUGLAS CAMERON LBC NEWSTALK 27/01/93
08:08:00 To 08:12:00

SMOKE FREE PUBLIC PLACES - INT, CHRIS THAME, FOREST - 10 years ago we had a cartoon of ASH seizing people in the street. This really is health fascism and particularly from a Conservative govt. The Nazis were the pioneers of the anti smoking movt. This really is ominous. We're moving in to an Orwellian world here. The bulk of scientific research does not prove that passive smoking is a threat to the passive smoker. It is all very akin to MARY WHITEHOUSE. I do agree that it is annoying but there is no health threat. This very month, 2 reports appeared in CONSUMERS RESEARCH, an American journal. Indeed, they accused the anti smoking movt of massaging the statistics and being just biased. We would ask any objective person to look at the evidence. We're now going to have these petty enforcements of one group of people on another. I'm always very wary of the govt making voluntary offers to people. It isn't the concern of govts to lay these rules down. They don't lay down the rules for vegetarian meals etc.

KEVIN GREENING GLR 27/01/93
07:42:00 To 07:45:00

PASSIVE SMOKING - NALGO to announce out of court settlement in case where man claiming compensation. Gov to consider outlawing smoking in public places and work. Bill is calling for complete ban on tobacco advertising. VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY is against such legislation. CHRIS THAME, FOREST, INT - this would not create legal precedent. Most evidence rejects link between passive smoking and cancer. GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE spokesman says there is no link between passive smoking and cancer. Bill is health fascism. This is an issue of freedom.

DOUGLAS CAMERON LBC NEWSTALK 27/01/93
07:26:00 To 07:41:00

PASSIVE SMOKING - CALLER, DORA FROM POPLAR - reasonable to ban smoking in restaurants and offices. I'm a heavy smoker. On the spot fine is a good idea - at least 10 pounds.

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START THE DAY BBC RADIO NORTHAMPTON 27/01/93
06:00:00 To 08:00:00

SMOKING BAN - Wellingborough Council discussed the issue of banning smoking last night. INT, MAURICE JONES, DIR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - talks about how advertising encourages smoking and that the Council doesnt want to encourage young people to smoke. [c. 4 mins]

FIRST EDITION LBC NEWSTALK 27/01/93
19:01:00 To 19:16:00

STUDIO GUEST - JOHN BRYANT, THE TIMES
SMOKING: Passive smoking case will lead to a great deal of debate. There will be pressure from insurance companies on employers to provide no-smoking areas. We will be covering the question of whether passive smoking is really harmful.

End of News Items

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